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Designed to accompany reading of children's books from all genres, this book helps teachers meet the challenge of selecting the best literature for children. It trains future teachers to make judgments about what constitutes quality children's literature and thoroughly discusses the nature of and genres within children's literature. Taking readers through the definitions of literary terms, reviewing plot, character, theme, setting, point of view, style and tone, the book provides sound criteria for assessing the merit of children's books. This sixth edition offers more coverage of multicultural literature, new chapter opening questions, and enhanced content on reading aloud to children. Chapters in the book are: (1) Literature: What Is It?; (2) Genre in Children's Literature; (3) Picture Books; (4) Character; (5) Plot; (6) Theme; (7) Setting; (8) Point of View; (9) Style; (10) Tone; (11) From Rhyme to Poetry; (12) Biography; and (13) Nonfiction. Appendixes contain a list of award-winning children's books, selected magazines for children, and selected reviewing media for children's books. (RS)

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